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1. During the night of 26 February, troops from the concentration camp in Oranienburg in the strength of about two battalions held a field exercise in the Schrachtenhagen-Lehnitzsee area. The troops were equipped with rifles and submachine guns and wore gas masks. No vehicles were seen.
2. After 26 February, billeting equipment and disassembled barracks sections were daily hauled from the billeting area of the concentration camp and the Panzer Kaserne toward Zehdenick. The Soviet guard was withdrawn on 6 March. Volkspolizei guards took over duty at the main gate on Bernauerstrasse. The gates, which had hitherto been closed, were opened. Vehicular traffic to the Panzer Kaserne from the direction of Oranienburg was heard throughout the night. the Panzer Kaserne was vacated by Soviet troops and reoccupied by Volkspolizei. Some of the Volkspolizei personnel were previously observed in Oranienburg Castle.
3. On 2 March, Camp Sachsenhausen would be vacated by the Soviets and reoccupied by KVP. At 10:30 a.m., T-34s carriers, 4 trucks with an AAA gun each and 4 trucks, with about 75 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, moved along Bernauer Allee, coming from the camp and proceeding to the railroad station. The troops carried full field pack. At 10 a.m. on 3 March, 10 trucks with about 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with tank insignia, 24 sidcar motorcycles and 8 trucks with billeting equipment moved in the same direction. A large column of trucks and tanks also drove from the camp toward the railroad station at 0:30 a.m. on 4 March. There was intensive vehicular traffic from the camp to the railroad station on these three days. Most of the vehicles belonged to Unit Markin and carried billeting equipment.

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Comment. The report confirms information [redacted] according to which elements of the 25th Tank Div from the area of the concentration camp were transferred to Templin and the vacated billeting area was reoccupied by the KVID Grossenhain. The present report indicates that the transfer of the 25th Tank Div was generally completed on 6 March. The concentration camp as well as the Panzer Kaserne were apparently no longer occupied by the division. The wheeled elements of the division probably moved to Templin by road, with the unidentified motor transportation battalion of the division, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Markin (fnu), engaged in the hauling of the billeting equipment.

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